

GRIFFIN's amendment to increase funding in the operational expense account, but even with the adoption of this amendment pipeline safety programs will be funded at \$26.5 million less than what the Administration requested.

Fully funding pipeline safety programs at the budget request would support hiring 54 new inspection and enforcement staff, funding for the National Pipeline Information Exchange (NPIX) initiative, and funding for States Pipeline Safety grants.

I hope that the Committee will consider the adoption of this amendment as a sign of Congress' intent to provide more robust funding in support of PHMSA's mission to protect people and the environment from the risks of hazardous materials transportation.

PHMSA has established ambitious goals to reduce pipeline spills and safety incidents, but without the necessary resources we will see past progress halted with more accidents, sometime with deadly consequences, in the future.

I'm glad that the Griffin amendment was adopted without objection by voice vote, and I look forward to working with the Gentlemen on pipeline safety issues in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL PHILLIPS

#### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2014*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Bill Phillips. Bill believes that success is driven by effectively creating a synergy of strategy and execution in communication and delivery.

Bill has a unique professional background and is fearless about tackling challenges. He began his professional career in the financial services sector, primarily focused on relationship development and sales management. He has worked for Fortune 500 corporations including Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup.

For a brief time in 2004, Bill was a candidate for an open U.S. Senate seat in Florida. While unsuccessful in this endeavor, Bill traveled extensively throughout Florida, meeting voters and discussing their issues and expectations. Through this experience he gained an insight into politics and built a network of contacts that he now utilizes to provide political advice to clients. Since 2007, Bill Phillips has been a leader in reshaping Florida's Democratic/Progressive political capacity.

During Bill's tenure as the Communications Director for the Florida Education Association (FEA), he created a highly successful, nationally recognized campaign: Make Our Schools A Priority. This resulted in a revitalized FEA brand that energized the membership and elevated the profile for FEA and its leadership team. The campaign positioned FEA in an aggressive posture that enabled it to drive its message to key audiences, utilizing web, email, social networking, and television. The campaign reestablished FEA as a political force.

From the success of Bill's tenure at FEA, he founded Defero Advisory Services in early

2010, where he immediately began working to build a network of Florida-based, progressive donors that could work collaboratively.

The centerpiece of the organization's early efforts was a ballot initiative campaign designed to provide guidelines for the reapportionment of Congressional and Legislative districts. These initiatives, collectively known as Fair Districts, were passed by an overwhelming majority of voters.

Bill has helped to create several of Florida's leading progressive groups, including Florida Watch Action, Inc. and Project New America/The Florida Project. He also serves on the Senior Advisory Board of Progress Florida. Bill is active in the movement for LGBT equality, serving as Board Chairman of Florida Together/Florida Together Federation in 2011.

Bill is also nationally respected as a donor advisor aligned with the Democracy Alliance, a network committed to a stronger democracy and a more progressive America.

I am happy to honor Bill Phillips, during LGBT Pride Month, for his work as a progressive champion in Central Florida and nationwide.

#### HONORING DR. WAYNE A.I. FREDERICK

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2014*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, FACS, on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, for his extraordinary career. As the current interim president of Howard University and a successful surgeon, teacher and researcher, Dr. Frederick's work and leadership continues to inspire many across the nation.

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dr. Frederick came to the United States at the age of 16 to attend Howard University, with the goal of becoming a physician. At Howard University, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and completed a medical degree by age 22. During his residency in General Surgery, Dr. Frederick received the Outstanding Resident, House Staff and Chairman's Chief Resident of the Year Awards. He later returned to Howard University in 2011 to complete his business degree.

Dr. Frederick's writing and leadership in the field of oncology—especially on addressing and fixing health disparities among African Americans and other underrepresented groups—is legendary. Inspired to become a physician by his own experience living with sickle cell anemia, a hereditary blood disorder which primarily affects people of African, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern descent, Dr. Frederick is recognized as a "Super Doctor" by the Washington Post and one of "America's Best Physicians" by Black Enterprise magazine.

In 2013, Dr. Frederick, who earned three of his degrees at Howard University, was selected to serve as interim president of this historic university. Prior to this appointment, he taught and held leadership positions at the university since 2006.

This month, His Excellency Dr. Neil Parsan, Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and

Tobago and the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee will honor Dr. Frederick for his inspirational achievements and outstanding contributions as a Caribbean-American and a son of the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Previously, Dr. Frederick was recognized in 2000 by the government of Trinidad and Tobago for his outstanding medical achievement.

Ten years ago, I recognized the need to celebrate the significance of the contributions of Caribbean-Americans, such as Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick. Personally inspired by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (NY), and countless other mentors, trailblazers, and friends who, as Caribbean-Americans, helped shape our great nation's government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture, I first introduced the resolution calling for the establishment of a National Caribbean-American Heritage Month in 2004. Today, I join others in congratulating and thanking Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick for his remarkable service to all Americans.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District and on the occasion of Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2014, Dr. Wayne A.I. Frederick, I salute you. I commend you for your contributions to our nation and wish you continued success in the next phase of your career.

#### HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SANGERVILLE, MAINE

#### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2014*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Sangerville, Maine as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

Located in Piscataquis County, the Town of Sangerville was once known as Amestown Settlement, named for its first settler, Phineas Ames in 1801. When the town incorporated on June 13, 1814, the name was changed to Sangerville, honoring one of its early proprietors, Colonel Calvin Sanger.

Sangerville has been a small lumbering and agricultural community for most of its history; its residents depended on the woods and the land to make their living. During the 1800's, Sangerville was home to a grist mill, saw mill, tannery, and a woolen mill.

The Piscataquis River forms the northern border, and the main village is located adjacent to Guilford.

Sangerville is known as the "Town of Two Knights" and gained this designation for two knights who call Sangerville home; Sir Hiram Maxim who was an inventor and Sir Harry Oakes who was a mining tycoon.

The Town of Sangerville reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 200 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Sangerville in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 200th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Sangerville and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.